

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-08 /019 W  
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R 220650Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY DOHA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2230  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, QA  
SUBJ: OCT 77 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TSS

REF: (A) STATE 4920, (B) 76 STATE 302154

FOLLOWING DATA REQUESTED REFTEL KEYED TO LETTERS PARA 1:

A. DOHA

B. PREFAB HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION METHODS, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS,  
QUALITY CONTROL, PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

C. MATERIALS (OTHER THAN WOOD), POWER EQUIPMENT, TOOLS. SALE-  
ABILITY PROSPECTS: GOOD BUT MUST BE COMPETITIVELY PRICED.

D. 1975 STATISTICS:

TOTAL: IMPORTS: \$400 MILLION; EXPORTS: \$50 MILLION (PETROLEUM  
EXCLUDED)

US MARKET SHARE: \$50 MILLION; EXPORTS: \$5 MILLION (PETROLEUM  
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SELECTED 1976 IMPORT STATISTICS (AVAILABLE ONLY IN F/TONS):

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: 257,000 F/TONS

CEMENT: 206,500 F/TONS

TIMBER: 50,100 F/TONS

E. CUSTOMS DUTIES: 2.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM EXCEPT TOBACCO (25 PERCENT) AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (50 PERCENT).

PORT SURCHARGE: 100 PERCENT (JAN 77)

TRADE RESTRICTIONS: BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS: NONE. NOTE: BAHRAIN AND UAE CURRENCY LEGAL TENDER IN QATAR UP TO VALUE OF QR5000 (\$1280).

F. MAJOR FOREIGN COMPETITORS:

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: JAPAN, EEC (MAINLY UK), INDIA/PAKISTAN

EQUIPMENT: JAPAN, EEC (MAINLY UK)

CEMENT: EEC, JAPAN

TIMBER: EEC, JAPAN

G. POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH PROPOSED MARINE EXPOSITION (REF B).  
EMBASSY WOULD RATHER HAVE MARINE EXPOSITION.

H. LARGE NUMBER OF HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PLANNED AND UNDER WAY. EXPECT BUILDING BOOM TO CONTINUE.

I. NEGLIGIBLE. QATAR PROVIDES LOANS/GRANTS TO LDCS. MONETARY RESERVE FUND: APPROX \$2 BILLION.  
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J. NELLO TEER CORP, DURHAM, N.C.  
PEREIRA AND ASSOCIATES, LOS ANGELES , CCCCCALIF  
THE RICHARDSON ASSOCIATES (TRA), SEATTLE. WASH.  
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